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Truckee Cemetery District
10370 E. Jibboom St.
Truckee, CA 96160

Trustees Sharon, Ed, Sarah, Greg.
Tricia, Chaun and Joe.
Supervisor Anderson,

After three years on the board, three 700 forms and especially two ethics trainings, I have come to the inescapable conclusion that I can be far more useful to the Truckee Cemetery as a concerned and proactive citizen with horticultural experience than as a sitting board trustee. Please accept this letter of resignation from the Truckee Cemetery Board.

I sincerely appreciate the appointment by Richard and I am so grateful for the opportunity to have served with a group of individuals who obviously care very deeply for their charge. It was also a great honor and a lot of fun serving with Clare and Anne as well.

As well as potentials for conflicts of interest, my occupation requires I work 80 or more hours a week through the growing season and I feel I cannot devote as much time to the Cemetery as I would like.

I will follow up on the fertilizer experiments we began in fall. I could find no ethical path to bill the cemetery for the fertilizers and I am happy to chalk-it-up to an educational expense of Villager Nursery. Dane planted a couple hundred and I planted over 1000 bulbs at the old cemetery and I look forward to their bright emergence this spring. I am willing and eager to donate more daffodils to the cemetery again this fall if you can organize planting. I hope you have success with bids from competing landscape companies.

I will continue to follow-up with Caltrans regarding some form of fence, mound and or planting that they will approve or hopefully assist with. I have a contact who seems to want to help us find a solution.

I never purchased a hedge trimmer for the caretaker to use but I would still recommend purchasing one and using it to tidy-up the native shrubs surrounding the main cemetery. I would also recommend keeping 2-3 feet clear and mulched outside the fence as an additional deterrence to voles who certainly spend much of their time in the shrubs and venture into the lawn in evenings to feed.

I also feel that having an arborist limb-up (just a little) and clean-up the trees in the old cemetery would improve the park-like setting there.

I look forward to seeing how the ground-penetrating radar works-out.

Finally, I offer my expertise any time you'd like it regarding planting, fertilization or arboriculture. I think the Cemetery looks great but it could look even better.

All the best, each of you.

Thank You again.



Eric C Larusson

